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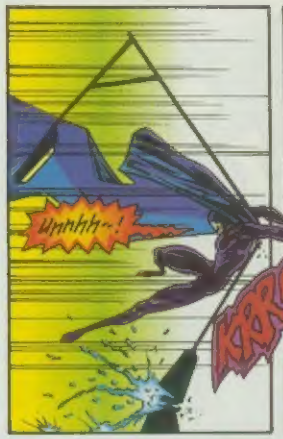
WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW...? JUST WHO I WAS LOOKING FOR!
WE REALLY SHOULD BE LEAVING.
OH? WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, MR. SUPRANORMAL? AFRAID YOU CAN'T PROTECT ONE OF US COMMON PEOPLE?
YESSSS...
JEZZUS--!
IT IS THE BOSS! GET BEHIND ME, WOMAN!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE'S AFRAID OF!
NOW!
WE ARE GLADDENED THAT OUR REPUTATION PRECEEDS US!
OF COURSE, WE TOO HAVE HEARD OF THE FEARSOME GRAVESTONE!
WE HOPE NOT TO BECOME THE DISAPPOINTMENT YOU HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE!
SKRAKK!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KARING

SUCH A PITY.
EVERYONE IS BETRAYED WHEN A LEGEND BECOMES A FRAUD--DON'T YOU AGREE?
G-GET... GET AWAY FROM ME!

NEED WE REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S TRESPAS--
--NNGG--!
KLANK!

TIME TO FINISH THIS, BOGG!
OHHH YESSSS! WE QUITE AGREEEEE!

EEEEYAAH!
ZZZZZZKK!

MY GOD--! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA--
STAND BACK!
BZZTT
ZZZT
ZZT

SKRAACH

COME ON.
EACH MUTANT CELL IN THE BOGG'S BODY IS A LIVING, THINKING CREATURE
WE HAVE ONLY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE IT REGENERATES!
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!
N-NO... DON'T...
--PLEASE--!!

SHUT UP, WITCH!
IT'S BETTER THAN YA DESERVE!
PLEASE... MERCY...
...HAVE MERCEEEEE--!!
LOOK--STOP! WAIT A MINUTE, WILL YOU?! I CAN'T KEEP UP THE PACE!
THEN I WILL CARRY YOU.
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.
THAT WOULD CHANGE NOTHING. YOU ARE STILL TRESPASSING IN A MILITARIZED ZONE, CHRISTINE DANIELS.
Ahh! FAMILIAR WITH MY BOOKS, Huh? FRANKLY, I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU READING ANYTHING BUT...BUT HORROR COMICS!
OKAY--WHOA!
HOW...HOW'D YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I FIND IT WISE TO KNOW MY ENEMIES.
THEN YOU HAVE NO IMAGINATION.
I HAVE BEEN AWARE OF YOUR RELENTLESS ATTACKS UPON SUPRANORMALS FOR YEARS--IN PRINT, AND ON TELEVISION.
DAMMIT! THAT'S ENOUGH!
KEEP YOUR MEAT-HOOKS OFFA ME, YOU FREAK! SOME OF US DON'T NEED TO HIDE BEHIND MASKS! IF YOU ONLY KNEW WHO I AM--
THAT YOU WOULD BE HERE NOW, IN SLUGGTOWN, IS NOT SURPRISIN--
BOO--! THAT SOUNDED ALMOST HUMAN--!

I'M ALL ALONE NOW--ALONE!
BECAUSE OF YOU!
YOU... YOU'RE INSANE--!
STOP.
USHH--! WHO--WHO ARE YOU?? THIS IS--NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS--!
I AM GRAVESTONE, LITTLE MAN.
AND I MAKE IT MY BUSINESS!!
N-NO...
YOU'RE OKAY, SWEETY. THAT MONSTER'S LEAVING--IT WON'T HURT YOU NOW.
HEY--! DON'T RUN AWAY! I JUST WANNA HELP YOU!
LET HER GO.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO BE DONE.

BZZZZZZ
THIS IS A STRANGE AND ALIEN WORLD TO YOU, MISS DANIELS, BUT IT IS HOME TO THAT CHILD. SLUGGTOWN MANIFESTS A DIFFERENT REALITY THAT YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU MUST NOT INTERFERE HERE.
YOUR COMPASSION IS ASTONISHING, SUPRA-MAN -- ESPECIALLY YOUR LACK OF IT!
"DIDN'T YOU GET A LOOK AT THAT KID? MUTANT OR NOT -- SHE WAS ACTUALLY KINDA CUTE!
"I MEAN, DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW RARE 'CUTE' MUST BE IN THIS CESSPOOL?
SQUIK
"EVERY MUTATED FREAK IN HERE WITH A LIBIDO WILL WANT HER!
I WILL WATCH OVER THE CHILDREN.
DO NOT RETURN HERE, MISS DANIELS.
FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.
"HOW COULD SHE POSSIBLY EVER DEFEND HERSELF?!

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IT'S EASY TO PLAY THE HERO WHEN YOU CAN RISE FROM THE DEAD!
YOUR OWN DOOMSDAY IS COMING, GRAVESTONE-- AND FOR ALL THE OTHER FREAKS LIKE YOU!
I SWEAR IT!
BZZZZZ

THAT ONE SURE GIVES ME TH' CREEPS, MA'AM. DIDJA SEE TH' WAY HE LOOKED AT ME?
SURE HOPE I DON'T GIT IN TROUBLE... Y'KNOW, TAKIN' THAT BRIBE FROM YA AN' ALL.
Uhh, MA'AM? Umm... HEY, uhh, WATCHA DOIN' THAT FER--?
SHUT-UP!

HERE-- TAKE IT!
MA'AM--! NOT AGAIN! I--I CAIN'T--
THAT'S ALMOST NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS THERE, SOLDIER-BOY
MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR YOUR POP-GUN, AND A TICKET BACK INTO SLUGGTOWN!

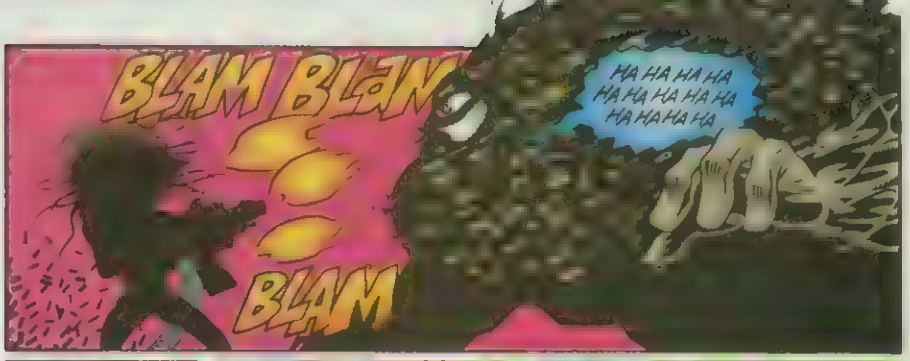
SO... YOU GOT ANY EXTRA AMMO FOR THIS THING, OR WHAT?

IN ROME, HE
IN PARIS, HE
THE OPERA...
WHERE HAS THE WOMAN WHO SAVED CHRISTINE, GONE?
HE HATED
SUCH LONELINESS IS ONLY FITTING TO A MAN OF YOUR POWER

WHO..
..UNNHH..!
THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE GRAVESTONE!!
THIS IS HOW YOU'VE SPENT ETERNITY, GRAVESTONE...
...BURIED AMONG THE DEAD!
IT IS ONLY FITTING TO JOIN THEM...
...IN INFINITY!

NOOOOOO
GRAVESTONE'S MEMORY... ALL HIS POWER!
MINE!!
SO MUCH TO DO...
...AND ALL THE TIME I WILL EVER WANT, MY FRIEND..
SSSSS
I AM SICK OF CAVES AND TOMBS.
AND SO I, GRAVESTONE, WILL ASCEND TO THE WORLD OF MORTALS...
...LEAVING THE PLACE OF THE DEAD...
...FOREVER.

I HAVE HIDDEN AMONG THE OTHER MUTANTS ALL MY LIFE - HARASSED AND TORMENTED
I WAS ONCE ONE OF THEM NOW THEY FEAR ME
DO NOT FEAR LITTLE ONE
I HAVE...
...RETURNED.
THEY SHOULD.
Blam! Blam!
GUNSHOTS!
AT LAST... A CHALLENGE!
OKAY... YOU ASKED FOR IT...!
BLAM BLAM BLA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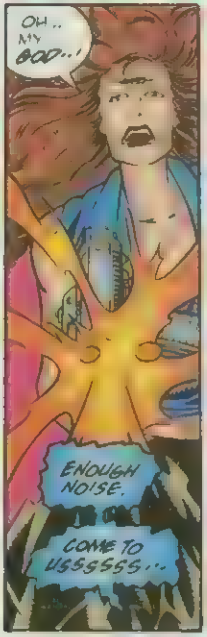
OH.. MY GOD..!
ENOUGH NOISE.
COME TO USSSSS...

LET ME GO ..!
...AND KNOW US BETTER!

SSSWISSSH
YAARGGH!

CRAWL BACK TO YOUR SEWERS, BOGG.
OR FACE ME.. AND DIE!
GRAVESTONE!
YOU DARE..?

SLAAK
NA-UNNGH..!
LET USSSS EMBRACE AT LAST...!
Ahhhh..
COME, GRAVESTONE...
GRAVESTONE..?
NO!
STOP IT..! YOU'RE KILLING HIM!!
ASHES TO ASHES..
..DUST TO DUST.
YOU MAY AS WELL START SCREAMING NOW...
..WE'RE QUITE USED TO IT..!
K-KEEP BACK
STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!!

SSRURK!
B-BLOOD..? OUR... BLOOD?
BUT... NOTHING CAN MAKE US... BLEED...!
HAHAHA!
SSLIKK!
SSKLASSSHH!
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Y'KNOW, HALLOWEEN USE TA SCARE THE BEE-JEEZUS OUTTA ME--
--BUT, O'COURSE, THAT WUZ WHEN I WUZ JUSTA DUM LI'L KID
..BUT I GROWED-UP REAL SMART! GOT MY OWN BIZ-NESS-- SELLING PORK RINDS-- DON'CHA KNOW
SAY-- LUV YER SUIT! IF I TOLDJA YA HAD A SEXY BODY WOULDJA HOLD IT AGAINST ME--?
BEE THAT'S NICE I'VE GOT TO GO N--
Heh. "HOLD IT AGAINST ME!" Heh HEY--DON CHA GET IT, BABE--??
HOLY BEE-JEEZUS--!
THIS COME DOWN AS A FEEND
THIS NIGHT OF MASKS AND SECRETS, WHERE NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS
I AM GRAVESTONE... BUT TONIGHT I AM HERE! A ANOTHER MAN
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
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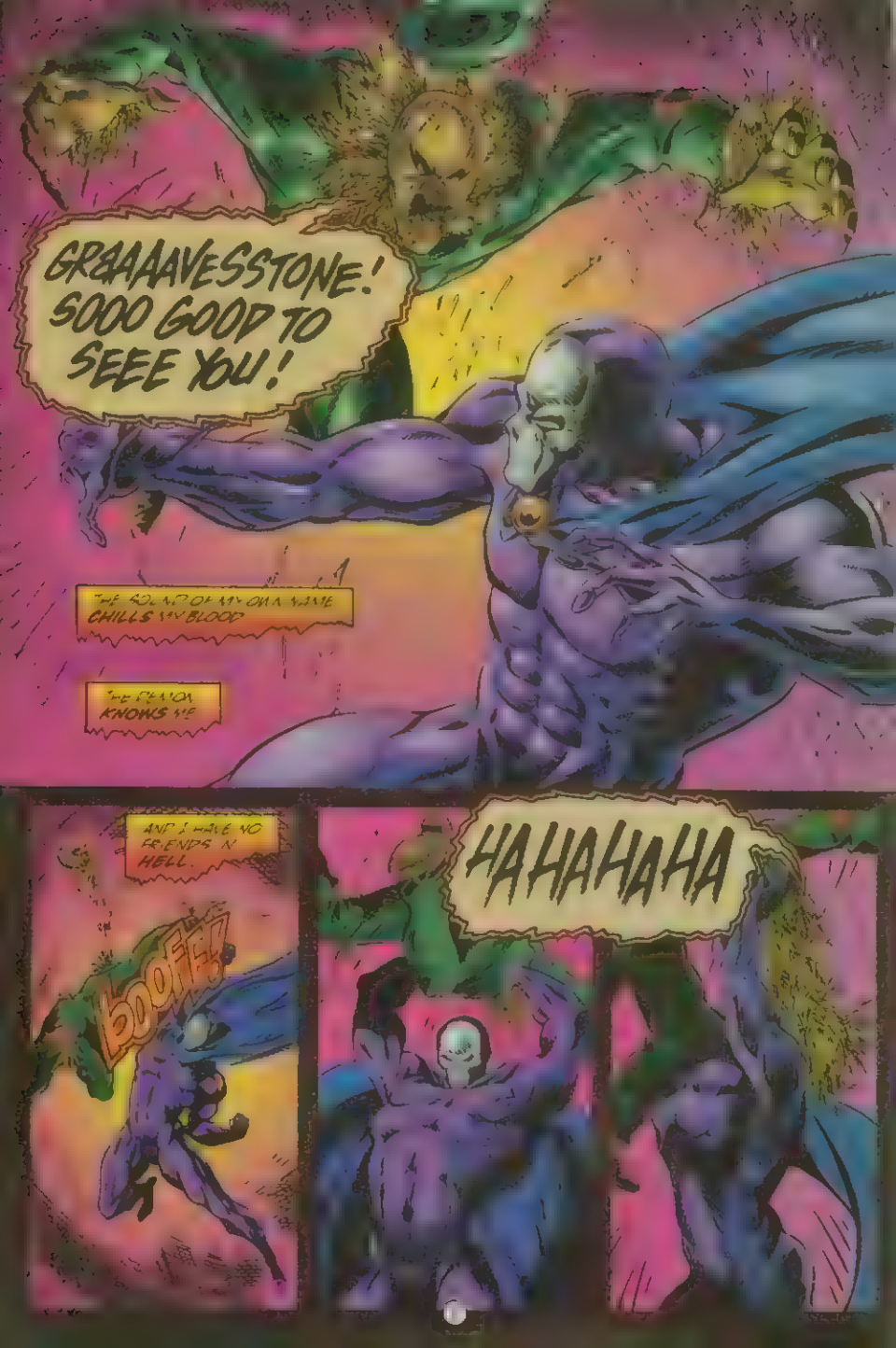
FOR A HUNDRED DECADES [illegible] BEEN THE UNKNOWN GUEST [illegible]
BUT ONLY ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT
WELCOME TO THE PARTY. UMH, VERY EFFECTIVE COSTUME YOU HAVE THERE! MY WIFE AND I DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU--!
THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF A MASQUERADE.
S'T NOT?
[illegible] PRETEND NO ALL THINGS SUPERNATURAL AS HERE. YA GAME.
OUIJA ABCDEFGHIJKLM NOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890
HEY, GANG! FIVE MINUTES TO [illegible] WITCHING HOUR!
C'MON! WHO WANTS TO HELP ME RAISE SOME HELL?!
GOOD GAWD! CHECK OUT THE BABE WITH THE WEE-GEE BOARD--!
LET'S DO IT SUGAR-BUMPS!
I AIN'T 'FRAID OF NO GHOSTS!
[illegible] THIS NIGHT MAY [illegible] COMMONS HUMAN MORTALS, [illegible] ONE [illegible]
WHAT A JERK. I REALLY NEED SOME AIR. MY NAME'S MEDARA. UMM MIND IF I JOIN YOU?
Hmph
REAL CHATTER-BOX, AREN'T YOU?

NOW LOOK AT THAT MOON! I JUST LOVE HALLOWEEN, DON'T YOU?
THE ONLY NIGHT WHEN YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO BE -- JUST BY WEARING A MASK!
AND YOU CHOSE TO BE A CAT?
Mm--? Oh, I SEE -- YOU MEAN MY MISS FURY COSTUME--!
SARCASTIC TONIGHT, AREN'T WE?
GREAT GODS OF THE LOWER PITS... SHOW US, WE BESEECH THEE, THY TERRIBLE PRESENCE...!
Ohhhh... N-NO
AHHHH...
...FREE
FREEEEE...
UHHH, YER MOVIN' T RIGHT? I I MEAN THIS STUFF S ALL FAKE... RIGHT--?
WHAT ON EARTH--?!
WE WELCOME THEE ON THIS THY SABBAT...
GREAT BAAL-- COME FORTH--!!
LET THEM GO!

KRRRSH
EVERYONE STAY BACK!
THE DANGER IS STILL WITH US!
YOU YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE SUPRANORMALS... UHH, GRAVESTONE, RIGHT? W-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE--?!
I REALLY IS GRAVESTONE--!
I KNEW IT!
LOOK YOU DON'T INTIMIDATE ME! THIS IS MY PROPERTY AND I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE!
VERY POSSIBLY SAVING YOUR LIFE
EUGENE PLEASE-- BE CAREFUL--!
THESE WITCH-BOARDS SHOULD NEVER BE TOYED WITH-- ESPECIALLY NOT ON THIS NIGHT
IT WOULD BE SAFER TO EVACUATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY!


GRAAAVESSTONE! SOOO GOOD TO SEEE YOU!
THE SOUND OF MY OWN NAME CHILLS MY BLOOD
THE DEMON KNOWS ME
AND I HAVE NO FRIENDS IN HELL.
BOOFF!
HAHAHAHA

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALL OF YOU..?!
GRAVESTONE TRIED TO HELP US WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS!!
WE CAN'T!!
AIR..!
NHA-UHA..!
ONLY..
..ONE..
..CHANCE..
NOW!
SSSSSSSS

REFLECTED SUNSHINE-- FOCUSED BY THE ANGEL'S GEM AMULET INTO A PURIFYING BEAM...
ME THEY FEAR
GRAVESTONE..? GRAVESTONE-- WAIT!
PLEASE PLEASE
DON'T GO
DOES THE WOMAN SEE AN EVIL?
TRAGIC
HUMAN.

I AM THE HUNTER EVERYONE, ALL OF US DO WEARS MASKS.
WANTING TO BE SOMEONE ELSE SOMEONE MORE...
SLEEP FOR TONIGHT
Mmmuroow..?
ARE YOU LOST, LITTLE ONE?
DO YOU HAVE A NAME, MY FEARLESS FRIEND?
I AM REMINDED OF ONE MOST FITTING OF YOUR BEAUTY AND COURAGE
COME MEGARA.
LET US GO HOME
THE END

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MALIBU SKYCAPS AND VIDEO GAMES!!!

Did you catch that surprise that was bagged with last month's titles? Yes, last month's Genesis titles were inserted with SkyCaps by skyBox featuring your favorite Malibu Comics characters. There are six in the set: The Ferret, Gravestone, Reese, Shannon, Man Of War, and WidowMaker. What is a SkyCap? SkyCaps are based on a game that originated in Hawaii with the collectable milk cap craze known a POG (aka papaya, orange guave).

How do you play? Well, here's how... each player places the same number of SkyCaps art-side-up in a stack. Flip a coin to see who goes first. The first player throws the SkyCap Slammer (choose one SkyCap as your designated slammer) at the stack, trying to flip over as many of the SkyCaps as possible. Any SkyCaps landing blank-side-up and away from the stack are picked up and kept by the first player. SkyCaps landing art-side-up are restacked for the next player to take a turn with the slammer. Continue taking turns until the last SkyCap is flipped over and there are none left to restack—then start over! SkyBox will be releasing a full set featuring more of your favorite Malibu characters and Ultraverse characters...watch for 'em! Collect 'em!

Cover of the Month

ACHTUNG DINOSAURS FOR HIRE!!! October is the debut of Dinosaurs For Hire: the video game exclusively for the Sega Genesis system. DFH is based on Malibu's hillarious monthly title. Malibu's very own and DFH creator Tom Mason has watched the development of the game from the beginning. Its an action-packed game where you can choose to lead Lorenzo, Reese, or Archie through 12 different levels and scenarios. Mason was more than pleased when DFH received a tremedous response from Sega's test marketing and actually went back into development to make it a guarantee must-buy.

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- ☐ EX-MUTANTS #12 •Genesis part 4
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- ☐ GRAVESTONE #4
- ☐ MAN OF WAR #7
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- ☐ DEAD CLOWN #1 (of 3)
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And don't forget your favorite titles from the ULTRAVERSE™ and ETERNITY COMICS brought to you by Malibu Comics.

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News!

Let us introduce new Gravestone penciller, Roy Burdine, who will take over the responsibilities this month on Gravestone #4. He gives Gravestone a new intimidating look. The Gravestone series continues with writer Martin Powell and inker Thomas Florimonte Jr. And don't miss upcoming issues of Ex-Mutants. It has an all new creative team: writer—Charles Marshall, penciller—Patrick Rolo, and inker—Bobby Rae. Things are a changing and man are they hot!!!

Additional Credits to: *Gravestone #4*

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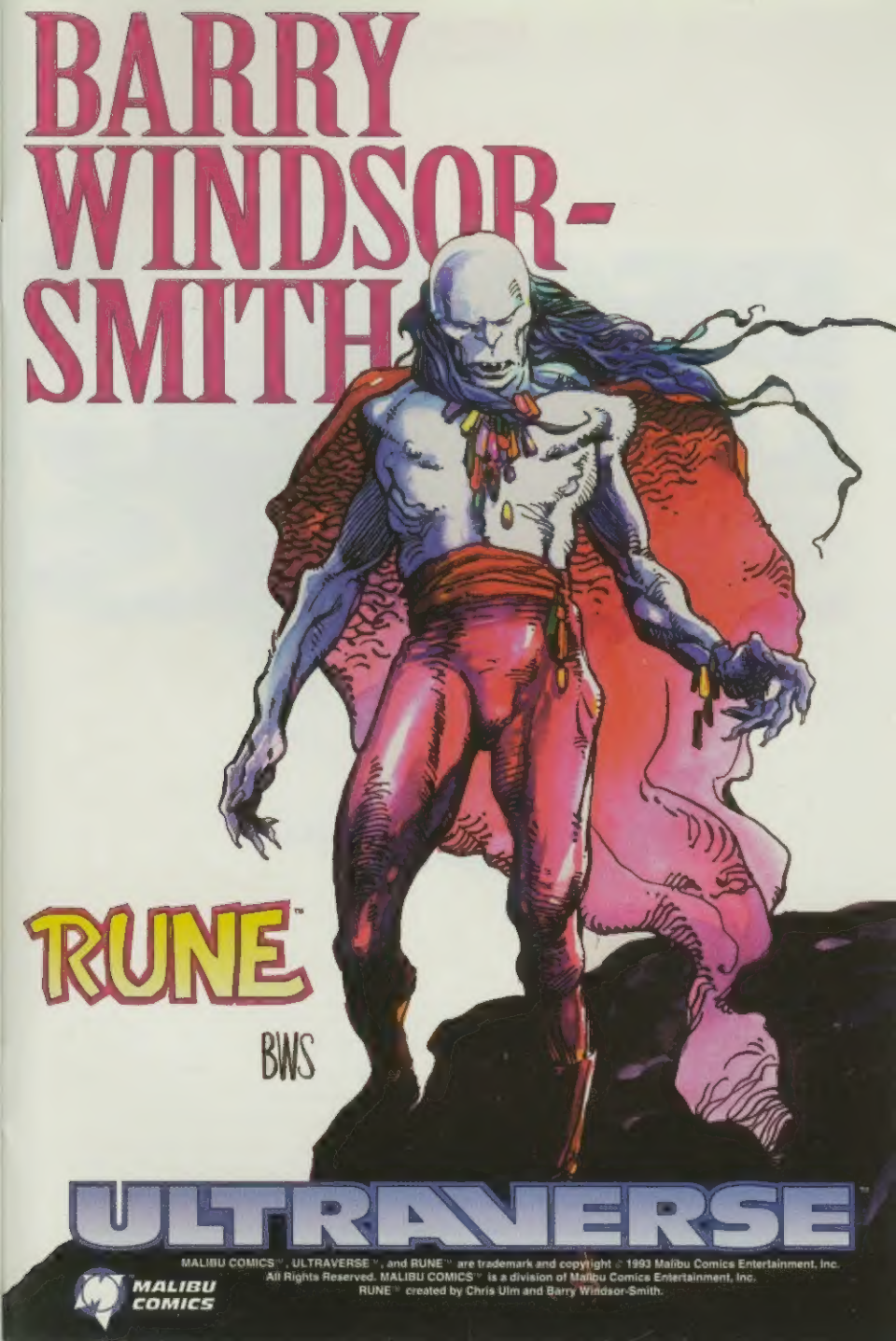

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